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February 22, 2010

Via Overnight Mail

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite No. 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Petition of Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative for Commission Approval for Extraordinary Retirement Pursuant to Section 32.2000(g)(4) and (g)(5)

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On behalf of Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI") respectfully submits the attached Letter to Withdraw of Jason J. Dandridge in the matter described in the above heading, to Albert Lewis, Division Chief, Pricing Policy Division. This filing is being provided to the South Carolina Public Service Commission and the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Services for informational purposes.

Please direct any inquiries or requests regarding the letter to Kenneth Cartmell (<u>kcartmell@jsitel.com</u>).

Sincerely,

Kenneth T. Cartmell

Senior Consultant-Regulatory

KTC/mk Attachment

cc: C. Dukes Scott, South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff Jason J. Dandridge, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative



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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative for Commission Approval for Extraordinary Retirement Pursuant to Section 32.2000(g)(4) and (g)(5)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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Additionally, JSI has provided an additional copy of this filing marked "File Stamp Copy". Please provide the appropriate stamp on this letter denoting that this filing has been received by the FCC, and return that copy of the filing to the currier.

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cc: Albert Lewis, Division Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau Jason J. Dandridge, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative



February 19, 2010

Albert M. Lewis Chief, Pricing Policy Division Wireline Competition Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative's Withdrawal of their Petition for Extraordinary Retirement Pursuant to Section 32.2000(g)(5)

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative ("Palmetto" or "Company") made a request to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") on September 10, 2009, for direction pursuant to Section 32.2000(g)(5)¹ of the Commission's rules to make the journal entries necessary to complete, effective January 1, 2009, an extraordinary retirement of the Company's central office Nortel DMS 100 switch ("DMS 100 switch"). Palmetto hereby withdraws its request.

The Company has determined that it is necessary to make the accounting entries associated with the retirement of the DMS 100 switch now in order to conclude this transaction, so that the associated accounting records can be finalized. This is particularly important in light of the fact that Palmetto was requesting the authorization to book this retirement transaction in 2008, and now 2009 has ended as well. To date, the FCC has not issued a decision regarding this matter. In order to obtain accounting certainty, the Company now withdraws the aforementioned Request for extraordinary retirement treatment, and will proceed with the retirement of the DMS 100 switch using acceptable accounting methodology.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 32.2000(g)(5).

Accordingly, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative respectfully withdraws the Request to effectuate an extraordinary retirement of the DMS 100 switch as described above.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason J. Dandridge, Chief Executive Officer

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative

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